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When you think of the Fourth of July, you think gatherings with family and friends and watching fireworks. The Mifflin Township Police Department would like to remind you, setting off fireworks is not only illegal, but dangerous. Ohio law allows people age 18 or older to buy consumer fireworks such as firecrackers, bottle rockets, roman candles, and fountains but only if they buy them from a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler and sign an affidavit agreeing to transport them out of state within 48 hours of purchase if they reside in Ohio.

The use of novelty fireworks such as sparklers, snaps, low snakes, and smoke bombs are permitted, but are very dangerous if not handled responsibly. Bottom line, the only items that can be used in the State of Ohio are designated "trick and novelty" which smoke, snap and/or sparkle. Mifflin Township would like to suggest the following guidelines when handling novelty fireworks:

- Obey the local laws and use common sense.
- Always read and follow instructions. Always have a responsible adult present.
- Keep burning sparklers away from clothing and flammable objects.
- Use sparklers only outdoors, away from buildings and vehicles.
- Light only one sparkler at a time.
- Alcohol, fireworks and sparklers do not mix. Be responsible.
- Do not point or throw sparklers at another person.
- Children under the age of 12 should not handle sparklers.
- When finished, place used sparklers in a bucket of water.

Guidelines provided by the Ohio Department of Health and the National Council on Fireworks Safety.